(c) whether admission to these hostels is based on communal or caste distinction ?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) Five, viz., the Hindu Hostel (Boys and Girls), the Christian Hostel, the Tiyya Boys' Hostel, the Tiyya Girls' Hostel and the Muslim Hostel.

(b) Vide answer to question No. 85.

(c) Caste-Hindus are admitted into the Hindu Hostel, Tiyyas in the Tiyya Hostel, and Muhammadans in the Muslim Hostel as the names represent.

The Toll rate at Varandarappalli.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

87. (a) Why is the toll rate at Varandarappalli fixed at 8 annas per cart?

(b) Is there such high rate at any other toll in the Cochin State or anywhere else ?

(c) What is the reason for this exceptionally high rate at Varandarappalli alone ?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

(a) The enhanced rate of 8 annas was fixed with a view to cover the heavy expenditure incurred for the up-keep of the road. The road is likely to be damaged considerably by the transport of heavy articles, such as timber, fuel, tiles, laterite, etc., stones, iron materials, rubber chests, etc.

(b) The same rate of toll, viz., 8 annas is being levied for timber and other heavy traffic at all the other toll-gates also during monsoon months.

(c) This is the only toll-gate in the State in which toll is levied for a part of the year only.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

May I know, Sir, why toll is levied for only a part of the year ?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

The conditions of that road we have taken into consideration, and that is why we have only levied toll for a part of the year, since we have rubber traffic only in summer.

Increase of pay to the Village Officers.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

88. Have the village officers submitted to the Diwan an application regarding increment of pay, etc., in Karkadagam

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